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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. IN ADDITION TO OUR DISCUSSION ON NAMIBIA
AND RHODESIA WHICH REPORTED SEPTEL THE FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS ALSO WERE COVERED IN MY AUGUST 30 DIS-
CUSSION WITH MACHEL.

2. AMCIT MISSIONARY DOLL-I RAISED SUBJECT UPON
CONCLUSION OF OUR TALKS. I NOTED THAT REV. DOLL HAD
BEEN HELD NOW FOR MORE THAN AYEAR AND THAT WE
BELIEVE IT TIME HE EITHER BE RELEASED OR CHARGED.
I ALSO NOTED THAT DOLL'S BETENTION HAD BEEN SUBJECT
ADVERSE CRITICISM IN THE CONGRESS. MACHEL PROMISED
TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND SEE IF HE COULD
MOVEHIT ALONG. HE ASSURED ME THE DETENTION HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH FACT THAT DOLL WAS AN AMERICAN.

3. U.S. AID TO MOZAMBIQUE-IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS
ON ZIMBABWE, I HAD OPPORTUNITY REASSURE MACHEL THAT
WE WERE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO FOLLOW UP ON
THE \$12.5 MILLION AID OFFER, DESPITE OPPOSITON IN
THE CONGRESS.

4. SOUTH AFRICA-MACHEL RAISED SUBJECT OF SOUTH
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AFRICA. SAID HE HAD FOUR MAJOR COCERNS: APARTHEID,

BANTUSTAN POLICY, EXPANSIONISM (OR THE NOTION SOUTH AFRICA SEEMS TO HAVE THAT IT HAS A RIGHT TO "TAKE CHARGE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD"), AND GROWING NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. I RESPONDED TO EACH, SPENDING MOST OF THE TIME ON THE SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS. I SAID THAT WE WERE CONFIDENT THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS WERE BEING APPLIED TO SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST REACTOR. FOR THE TWO NEW REACTORS, I SAID I COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OTHER WESTERN NATION WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE REACTORS, BUT NOTED THAT US CONCERN WAS FOR ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS IN LINE WITH OUR OWN STRONG POLICY AGAINST NUCLEAR POLIFERATION.

5. INDIAN OCEAN-MACHEL CONDEMNED WHAT HE CALLED THE "EXPANSION OF BIG POWER PRESENCE" IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, MENTIONING THE US, UK AND FRANCE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE SAME THING AND THAT DURING HIS TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION IN JUNE HE SIGNED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH CALLS FOR (A) THE EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE AREA, (B) DE-NUCLEARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND (C) WITHDRAWAL OF ALL MILITARY FLEETS OF COUNTRIES NOT BELONGING TO THE ZONE. HE HOPED THE US COULD SUPPORT A SIMILAR POSITION. I SAID WE WOULD EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE BUT ADDED THAT I WAS NOT AWARE THAT USSR HAD GIVEN UP RIGHT OF FREE PASSAGE WHICH WE ALSO SUPPORTED. HE SAID THEY HAD NOT. I, IN TURN, REMINDED HIM OF STEPPED-UP SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN SOMALIA, AND SAID THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EQUAL GPRM INTEREST IN REDUCTING SOVIET BUILDUP. DE PREE

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